

rate within the classification. Then finally there is a special adjustment in the Attorney General's Office which again we've been aware for a long time that assistant attorney generals were, at the state level, were paid on the average substantially less than their counterparts at the county level, particularly that would be true in Lincoln and Omaha. And what the provisions for this amount of money 18,000 General Fund, 3,000 cash, 3,700 in Revolving Fund, it would increase those salaries on an average of 1 percent, excuse me, \$1,000, which includes the benefits so their take home pay would be something less than that, but with benefits it would increase about \$1,000 per individual, there are 25 of them, I believe. This doesn't get them anywhere close to comparable positions in Lincoln or Lancaster County or Omaha and Douglas County, but it is some recognition of the disparity that exists in those positions. But, other than that, all of the rest of the appropriations contained in the bill would reflect the salary policy that was contained in LB 1040.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Amendment on the desk, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend the bill. (The Chambers amendment is found on page 1303 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I'm Ernie Chambers and I represent the 11th Legislative District in Omaha, and I have what I consider to be a modest proposal here and the purpose is to raise the salary of the members of the Board of Parole. Their salary is not set in statute, but, to try to ensure that there would be a public hearing zeroed in on this specific issue, I offered a bill that was heard by the Judiciary Committee which would have raised the chairman's salary to \$50,000 and the full-time members, of which there will be four in September, to \$45,000. There was no opposition, no public input whatsoever and I felt that salary level would draw out anybody who had a feeling against this being done. So, without any opposition to that, rather than try to move that bill which would then place the setting of the Parole Board's salary in statute, I thought I would do it the way it should be done which is by amending the appropriations bill. But I did want the opportunity for a hearing on that specific issue for the reasons that I explained. What I'm offering here is not to